

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of mercy, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We thank You once again that we can come before You and ask guidance for the men and women of this assembly. Send Your spirit of peace, honesty, and fairness during this week when the budget is being considered and the work of appropriations continues.

As violence and the threat of violence hang over our world, may we be continually thankful for and supportive of those whose life's work is keeping us safe. Send Your spirit of healing and comfort to those who are victims of these horrors in our world.

May we in America, and all men and women of good will, be committed to working for peace in our homes, neighborhoods, and throughout our land and the world.

Bless us this day and every day. May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HILL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, May marks Military Appreciation Month, a special time to recognize the tremendous support and encouragement families offer their servicemembers. As the son of a Flying Tiger who served in India and China, and as the grateful father of four sons who have all served overseas, and as a 31-year veteran of the Army Reserve and Guard, I know firsthand the commitment of our troops, veterans, and military families.

Last week, I was honored to join Senator ROY BLUNT, Senator KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND, and Congresswoman SUSAN DAVIS to introduce common-sense, bipartisan legislation, the Military Families Stability Act, which provides for greater flexibility by allowing military families a 6-month option of moving to the start of their next assignment.

The happiness and success of our military families is critical to overall troop readiness and retention. I am confident this legislation will greatly benefit families around the country.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism. We offer our sympathy and solidarity for the victims of Manchester and our beloved allies in the United Kingdom. Together with members of the European Union Parliament, we will defeat the murderous losers.

OPPOSING PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, today the President put forward his budget proposal. It will be damaging to the people in our communities and the places that we call home.

It cuts Medicaid by over \$600 billion and cuts the food stamp program by over 25 percent, affecting the most needy within our communities. It slashes infrastructure programs, eliminates TIGER grants, cuts student loan and financial aid programs, and includes catastrophic cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency.

For my home State of Hawaii, this budget zeroes out Federal funding for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants, the Native Hawaiian Loan Guarantee program, and cuts Native Hawaiian education programs by nearly \$33 million, crippling the progress that has been made for over 30 years to strengthen Native Hawaiian early education, literacy, gifted and talented education programs, higher education, vocational programs, and more.

I strongly oppose this budget, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to pass a budget that actually serves the people and our planet.

VENEZUELA IS A FAILED STATE

(Mr. HILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, all of us in the Western Hemisphere are in horror. Venezuela is a failed state and potentially on the brink of civil war. The Wall Street Journal reported earlier this week that thousands of Cuban intelligence agents are helping the Maduro regime maintain control over the army, while Maduro orders his soldiers to shoot his own people who are demonstrating in the streets.

We cannot let countries like China, Russia, Iran, and Cuba continue to play a role in propping up the Maduro regime. While I commend Treasury Secretary Mnuchin for issuing sanctions against individuals of the Venezuelan Supreme Court, I call on the administration to ratchet up the pressure on these outside forces and have them answer for their role in the emergency situation in Venezuela.

While we face many challenges across the globe, America must reengage in the Western Hemisphere and not let the neighbors in our backyard slide back into tyranny.

PRESIDENTIAL BUDGET SHORTSIGHTED AND RECKLESS

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, well, the President's budget is shortsighted. It is reckless. Hopefully, it is dead on arrival when it lands here in the House.

President Trump and Republicans want to throw billions of dollars more on defense programs and drastically cut investments in job training, after-school programs, and lifesaving medical research.

Think about this:

It cuts Social Security disability benefits.

If you are a worker in Saginaw looking for your next job, you are out of luck. President Trump wants to cut worker training programs.

If you are a senior in Bay City, Michigan, and you depend on Meals on Wheels, too bad. President Trump wants to take away those meals, take away that contact that you have.

If you are a parent in Flint with a child in Head Start just trying to find a way forward, too bad. President Trump's budget will cut support for education and for early childhood education.

A budget is a statement of our values. What does this document say about the values of this President?

We must reject the President's proposed budget. It is bad for America.

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

(Mr. WILLIAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize Military Appreciation Month.

This month allows us the opportunity to educate Americans regarding the impact our military has had throughout history.

This month allows us to honor the important men and women who have served and who are serving in uniform.

Mr. Speaker, this month allows us to celebrate over 90 million patriots who chose to put our country before themselves.

As a Representative of the 25th Congressional District of Texas, it is my